

**Regular Month Meeting
Benton City Council
October 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Benton City Council was called to order on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Rita Dotson with the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Charles Edmonds.

Council Members Present: Butch Holland, Rita Murray, Charles Edmonds, Ann Riley and Kevin Farley.

Absent was Sherra Riley.

Other Staff Present: Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treasurer; Rob Mattingly, City Attorney; William Treadway, Police Sergeant and Todd Riley, Gas Manager.

Mayor Dotson read the update provided by KLC on the Comprehensive Land-Use Plan.

Mayor Dotson presented the only bid received to replace the drainage structure at the entrance of Country Trace Lane. Jim Smith Contracting submitted a bid of \$239,195.49 to replace the existing structure and install a temporary access road for the residents on Country Trace Lane. A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Edmonds to approve the bid. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning map for the City of Benton to provide for a change in the zoning classification for Southwest One Industrial Park from R-1 to Industrial-2. A motion was made by A. Riley, seconded by Holland to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mattingly read the second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning map for the City of Benton to provide for a change in the zoning classification for properties located at 2675 Main Street from R-3 to C-2. A motion was made by Edmonds, seconded by Murray to approve. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sergeant Treadway presented the September police report. There were 722 calls to service, 20 cases, 24 collisions and 62 citations.

A motion was made by Holland, seconded by Murray to approve the regular minutes of September 21, 2020 and the special called minutes of October 6, 2020. All agreed. Motion carried.

In Mayor/Council items, Farley asked the possibility of removing the parallel parking spots on Main Street at 12th Street. Mayor Dotson will contact the State and have someone look into this since it is a dangerous area.

Mayor Dotson mentioned that in KLC's meetings about Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Strategic Plan that many citizens complained about Tater Day. Mayor Dotson asked the Council for ideas on how to change or improve and the possibility of sending out surveys to the community.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

Rita Dotson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bethany Cooper, City Clerk/Treas.